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1. NOTICIAS OF AUGUST 7 CARRIED INTERVIEW OF MFA MEMBER

CAPTAIN VITOR CRESPO (REFTEL) IN WHICH HE QUOTED AS FOLLOWS:

A. IT IS LAMENTABLE THAT PORTUGUESE ARMY NOW HAS TO DEFEND MOZAMBIQUE AGAINST REACTIONARY FORCES WHILE AT SAME TIME IT CANNOT FULLY TRUST CEASE-FIRE ON PART OF FRELIMO GUERRILLAS.

B. IT HAS BEEN DIFFICULT TO NAME GOVERNMENT JUNTA BECAUSE ITS MEMBERS MUST HAVE GOOD KNOWLEDGE OF MOZAMBIQUE AND ITS PROBLEMS, AS WELL AS INTERESTS OF PORTUGAL.

C. FRELIMO PARTICIPATION IN NEXT MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT IS PROBABILITY BUT THAT WILL ONLY BE RESOLVED BY JUNTA GOVERNMENT AND REAL CEASE-FIRE ON PART OF FRELIMO IS NECESSARY PRECONDITION.

2. SAME NOTICIAS REPORTS MAJ. MELO ANTUNES, GOP MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO, JUST RETURNED TO LISBON FROM TRIP TO AFRICA AND ROME WHERE HE IS SAID TO HAVE HAD CONTACT WITH FRELIMO LEADERS. MAJOR ANTUNES REPORTEDLY SAID THESE CONTACTS WERE CONFIDENTIAL, NONETHELESS WOULD SOON BE MADE PUBLIC, AND WOULD HAVE MAJOR IMPORTANCE WITHIN CURRENT POLITICAL CONTEXT. HE ALSO REPORTEDLY ADMITTED POSSIBILITY HE WOULD BE DESIGNATED PRESIDENT OF JUNTA GOVERNMENT.

3. COMMENT: ABOVE REPORTS PROVIDE FURTHER EVIDENCE THAT "INFORMAL TALKS" BETWEEN GOP AND FRELIMO ARE CURRENTLY UNDERWAY ON FORMAL CEASE-FIRE AND FRELIMO PARTICIPATION IN MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT. CRESPO INTERVIEW IMPLIES THERE STILL SOME OBSTACLES TO BE OVERCOME BEFORE REACHING AGREEMENT WITH FRELIMO AND JUNTA PRESIDENT AND MILITARY MEMBERS MAY BE APPOINTED PRIOR TO FORMAL CEASE-FIRE AND ESTABLISHMENT OF TRANSITIONAL MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT WITH FRELIMO PARTICIPATION.  
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